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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Delegated Officer Decision – 20 May 2025

**Report Title**

Officer Decision Record to allocate a Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR, in order to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Grant (DATRIG) 2025/26.

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

Yes

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report outlines the decision to allocate a Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR, to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Grant (DATRIG) 2025/26.

**Recommendations**

1. To allocate a Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR, to the value of £175,000, to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Grant (DATRIG) 2025/26.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment Part A

Appendix B - Equality Analysis Form Part B

Appendix C - Carbon Impact Form

## **Background Papers**

[Cabinet paper 11 July 2022](#)

[Cabinet paper 17 March 2025](#)

### **Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

08 March 2018 08 March 2018

### **Council Approval Required**

No

### **Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Officer Decision Record for the award of the Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) were identified as best placed to host and develop a Recovery Community due to their existing community links and partnerships with relevant organisations in Rotherham. This delivery includes providing community-based recovery activities, groups and facilitating the issuing of small amounts of funding to build recovery capital and opportunities for engagement across the Borough.
- 1.2 VAR have led on the development of a co-ordinated Rotherham Recovery Community and received grant funding from the Council since April 2023. VAR are facilitating the development of an independent Lived Experience Recovery Organisation (LERO)
- 1.3 **Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Grants**  
[Cabinet, Monday 11 July 2022](#) received a report 'Public Health Proposals for Drugs and Alcohol Grant 2022-2025' outlining the availability of 2 grants being made available to Rotherham by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) - part of the Department of Health and Social Care - to support the drug and alcohol treatment and recovery agenda, and recommendations on how they could be utilised. These grants are: The Supplemental Substance Misuse Recovery and Treatment Grant (SSMTRG) and the Inpatient Detoxification (IPD) Grant.
- 1.4 For the 2025/26 continuation of this funding, OHID have amalgamated several grants into a single Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant (DATRIG). The grants that will be consolidated which are received by Rotherham are SSMTRG and the IPD grant,  
  
Rotherham's allocation for the DATRIG has been confirmed as £2,242,263, which is the same as the combined amount received through the SSMTRG and IPD with no uplift for inflation.
- 1.5 Whilst the DATRIG is made as part of a 10-year national strategy, this is a one-year allocation and there is currently no certainty of funding beyond 2025/26.
- 1.6 [Cabinet, Monday 17 March 2025](#) received an update on the Confirmation of Supplementary Public Health Grants for 2025/26 and proposals for the approval of grant spend.
- 1.7 Cabinet approved the delegation to Director of Public Health, in consultation with the lead member for Adult Care and Public Health, for spend against the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant (DATRIG) in line with grant conditions.

### **2. Key Issues**

2.1 Whilst the DATRIG is made as part of a 10-year national strategy, this is a one-year allocation and there is currently no certainty of funding beyond 2025/26.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

3.1 Options have been considered as part of the DATRIG planning process and the decision taken to allocate a Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR, to the value of £175,000, to deliver the recovery-specific activities required by the DATRIG 2025/26.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 The 25/26 DATRIG Plan has been developed in consultation with the Rotherham Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) and is subject to an approval process from OHID which has now been received.

4.3 The Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health has been made aware of the Officer Decision.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 The DATRIG funding is to provide continuation of the recovery community provision from the previous year. Performance meetings, overseen by Public Health continue with the provider to ensure that money is spent against the terms of the DATRIG.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)**

6.1 The recommendation proposal outlined in this report pertains to the allocation of funding through a grant agreement. As grants are not governed by the Procurement Act, there are no direct procurement implications associated with this funding mechanism.

6.2 The funding is limited to a single year 25/26 and Rotherham must ensure that we enter into no commitment beyond this. VAR have been a reliable partner delivering similar projects and schemes in the past.

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)**

7.1 The use of the funding as set out in the report is consistent with the terms of the DATRIG. This is a continuation of provision that is already in place. Further, the use of the funding is consistent with the Cabinet report referred to above and therefore the use as recommended is an appropriate way for the delegation of authority to the Strategic Director to be exercised.

7.2 The terms of the 2025/26 grant agreement between the Council and VAR have been reviewed and approved by Legal Services.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

8.1 There are no HR implications associated with this report

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 This is a continuation of services, so there are no further implications to consider.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 An equality assessment and needs assessment has been carried out as part of the original Cabinet report and outlines the actions which will be taken within this service to ensure that equality is a key consideration and is monitored appropriately.

10.2 This is a universal service for anyone who is in recovery from substance misuse problems in Rotherham. It is known that poor physical and mental health is disproportionately experienced by some of the most vulnerable members of our local communities and the provider will aim to address inequality in health as a general principle, and to prioritise certain target groups e.g. women, LGBTQ+ community and BAME communities.

10.3 The specification for the Service sets out the above requirements to ensure equal access and outcomes across all of Rotherham's communities whilst ensuring that no protected equalities group is being unintentionally disadvantaged or excluded.

## **11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

11.1 A Carbon Impact Assessment form was completed as part of the cabinet report and highlighted no issues.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

12.1. The key partners are the Combatting Drugs Partnership and the DATRIG Operational Group, who were consulted with regarding the proposals for the spend of this grant.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 There is currently only one year of allocated funding and as such VAR is aware that this funding needs to support the Recovery Community to become sustainable and able to source other funding in addition.

**14. Accountable Officers**

Ian Spicer - Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp OBE	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	Click here to enter a date.
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